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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/559,724	Applicant(s) YASUDA ET AL.	
	Examiner NICHOLAS A. SMITH	Art Unit 1795	

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 28 July 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5, 7, 8, 10-18, 20, 22-27, 29 and 31-39 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5, 7-8, 10-18, 20, 22-27, 29 and 31-39 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments, see remarks, pp. 12-13, filed 28 July 2008, with respect to claim 1 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The 35 USC 103(a) rejection under Olgado et al. in view of Bonga et al. of the claims has been withdrawn. Please note that the claims that which were previously rejected under 35 USC 102(b) by Olgado et al. have been amended by Applicant.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

3. Claims 1-5, 7-8, 10-18, 20, 22-27, 29 and 31-32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Butterfield et al. (US 7125477 B2).

4. Butterfield et al. discloses an apparatus for electrochemical processing and a method of electrochemical processing comprising a substrate holder for holding a substrate; a drive mechanism for moving the substrate; a guide member with tapered surfaces as claimed; an electrode base provided with a plurality of electrode members comprising scrubbing members for contacting and processing a surface of the

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substrate, held by the substrate holder, in the presence of an elastic body comprising a liquid to effect processing of the substrate; a stopper for limiting movement of a support base for floatingly supporting the electrode base by a floating mechanism; and a pressure chamber formed between the electrode base and the support base, and the pressure chamber being surrounded by an elastic membrane enclosing a fluid supplied by a device for exerting a predetermined pressure to support the electrode base. (col. 2, line 38 to col. 4, line 40; Figs 2-26).

5. Claims 33-39 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by WO 03029531 A2.

6. WO'531 discloses an electrolytic processing apparatus an electrode section provided with having an electrode member including an electrode and an ion exchanger covering a surface of the electrode; a holder for holding a workpiece, the holder being capable of bringing the workpiece close to or into contact with the ion exchanger of the electrode member; and a power source to be connected to the electrode of the electrode member of the electrode section; wherein an integrally formed insulator is interposed between the ion exchanger and the surface, facing the workpiece, of the electrode; and at least one other ion exchanger to be close to or in contact with the workpiece (pp. 58-62; Figs. 2-34).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to NICHOLAS A. SMITH whose telephone number is

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(571)272-8760. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM,
Monday through Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Patrick Ryan can be reached on (571)-272-1292. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Primary Examiner, Art Unit 1795

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